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The communications of importance made to the Section were by Mr. F. J. Keeley, on the spectrum analysis of diatomine, on a Holothurian Parasite by Dr. J. C. Morris, and on observations of various material contributed by Mr. S. A. Schumo, Mr. John A. Shulze and Mr. Lewis Woolman.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	J. Cheston Morris, M.D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	T. Chalkley Palmer.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	Lewis Woolman.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	F. J. Keeley.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	John G. Rothermel.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	C. S. Boyer.

CHARLES S. BOYER,

Recorder.

REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The main activity of the Conchological Section, as in former years, has been expended upon the continuation of the *Manual of Conchology*, which has now reached the thirteenth volume of the second series. The Conservator has been chiefly occupied during the year with the revision of the family *Bulimulidæ*, the work on American species being now completed, the specimens relabelled and returned to the museum.

Various changes have been made in the museum, the principal one being the removal of the land shells of the United States (excepting *Succinea* and *Pupa*) from the gallery to the study room on the library floor. This collection was formerly crowded into thirty-six drawers under the cases of fresh-water shells, and had long since outgrown the space available. It now occupies eighty-one drawers, leaving the space formerly used for the expansion of the fresh-water shells.

The accessions to the museum number about 4,000 trays and bottles, including many species new to science, as well as a larger number new to our collection. None of this material has been purchased, and but an inconsiderable part was obtained in exchange, nearly the whole having been sent by correspondents of the Section in America and abroad for identification, or with the understanding that it be worked up, or to further the work in progress

in the *Manual of Conchology*. It will therefore be seen that much time must be devoted to this work, in order to keep the collection of the Academy abreast of others able to purchase freely. Among the more important accessions may be mentioned a large series of land and fresh-water shells collected by Mr. S. N. Rhoads in Florida and Mexico, a series of Samoan Opisthobranchs collected and given by Mr. C. N. E. Eliot, and a valuable lot of exotic slugs, given by the Rev. A. B. Kendig, adding greatly to what is now by all odds the largest collection of slugs in America. The collection made by Mr. Rhoads, obtained in exchange for identification, contains the types of some twenty-five new species. That of Mr. Eliot the types and figured specimens.

Dr. J. C. Cox, Mr. H. Suter, Dr. H. von Ihering and others have continued their gifts of foreign mollusks, while the American series has profited by the sendings of about seventy-five persons, among whom Rev. E. H. Ashmun, Prof. T. D. A. Cockerell, Messrs. George H. Clapp and L. N. Frierson may be mentioned as contributing material of especial value.

The Conservator, in company with Dr. Montgomery and Prof. Conklin, made a collection of marine invertebrates in Biscayne Bay, Florida, and later made a vacation journey to the Great Smoky Mountains. A very large collection of the mountain mollusks was made, including some rare and new forms of excessively restricted range. Mr. J. H. Ferriss has contributed a valuable series from mountain localities south of those visited by myself.

The Conservator acknowledges valuable assistance received from Mr. C. W. Johnson, of the Museum Committee, and has also been aided throughout the year by Mr. E. G. Vanatta, whose efficient work deserves high commendation.

The officers elected to serve during the ensuing year are as follows:

<i>Director</i> ,	Benjamin Sharp, M.D.
<i>Vice-Director</i> ,	John Ford.
<i>Recorder</i> ,	Edw. J. Nolan, M.D.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> ,	Charles W. Johnson.
<i>Treasurer</i> ,	S. Raymond Roberts.
<i>Librarian</i> ,	Edw. J. Nolan, M.D.
<i>Conservator</i> ,	Henry A. Pilsbry.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. PILSBRY, *Conservator*.